(e) GATT agreement is not likely to have any impact on aviation industry.

(f) The role of the Government is to provide facilities for the development of the industry and as such it does not compete with any group of companies.

Enquiry into aircraft landing in Hyderabad

4315. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Captain Bhalla has been given a good chit regarding the aircraft landing at agricultural land in Hyderabad to avoid an air crash;

(b) whether Government think that Captain Bhalla's decision saved the lives of the air passengers and as such he should be given the nations highest award rather than put him on the dock and make him starve pending departmental inquiry;

(c) whether it is a fact that the enquiry into the Hyderabad forced landing is hanging fire;

(d) if completed whether Government would place the enquiry report on the Table of the House; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b). Indian Airlines Airbus A-300 aircraft, operating flight from Madras to Delhi via Hyderabad, under the command of Capt. R. P. Bhalla met with an accident in a paddy field near Tirupati on 15th November, 1993. The accident was investigated by a Court of inquiry appointed by the Government. The investigations have revealed certain lapses on the part of Capt. Bhalla for which his Pilot-in-Command rating on A-300 aircraft has been suspended for a period of one and a half year from the date of accident.

(c) to (e) The inquiry has been completed and as per the practice, the report of the Court of Inquiry, alongwith Government's decision on the findings and recommendation made therein, has been placed in the Parliament House Library in October, 1994.

Proposal from NRIs for modernisation of Airports

4316. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received offers from the Non-Resident Indians for modernisation of airports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c): A proposal was received from the State Government of Kerala for extension of runway of Calicut airport for wide-bodied aircraft with the financial help of the public including non-resident Indians. The Malabar International Airport Development Society, set up by the State Government, has undertaken the responsibility of mobilising resources and providing the funds to Airports Authority of India as advance to be repaid out of the earnings of the airport. The Central Government has given its no objection to the proposal.

National Plan Target forget for the Arrival of Foreign Tourists

4317. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn up national plan target for the arrival of foreign tourists by the end of century;